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I find that this suit was brought by a consortium (cabal) of Microsoft's competitors. Most of these competitors made poor business decisions on their own, without Microsoft's involvement. Then these competitors got an overly-friendly justice department to prosecute a very thin case, which only had merit in a very thin area.

It is more than likely that Microsoft will NOT be a going concern in 20 years, based on my experience in the IT industry. To punish them too harshly will only hasten the end of Microsoft, but to no advantage to the customer or to Microsoft's competitors, as the users will NOT necessarily adopt their inferior product to replace that offered by Microsoft.

Judge Jackson erred in evaluating the magnitude of the challenge offered by Linux and other Open Source initiatives. As such, his remedies were excessive and over-zealous, not to mention recommended by a Macintosh fanatic/fancier.

Do NOT allow the few states that are hold-outs to keep this otherwise meritorious settlement from proceeding. They are mostly home states to Microsoft's competitors, so are less than impartial in this matter. Most of those objecting to the proposed settlement object on the grounds that 'they' don't get a piece of the action. Too bad!

Regards,  
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